REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the Final Office Action dated February 6, 2007. By this communication, claim 10 has been amended for clarity. Claims 1-11 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-5, 7, and 8 contain allowable subject matter.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by *Takemoto* (U.S. Patent no. 6,335,742). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In numbered paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action, the Patent Office alleges that the *Takemoto* patent teaches an input unit and a processing unit as recited in Applicant's claim 1. As shown in Figures 17 and 18, *Takemoto* discloses that an operator can select a folder from a folder display area to create a thumbnail. Once the operator inputs additional instructions (e.g., "CREATE THUMBNAIL") the thumbnail is created for an image file in the selected folder. To then register a keyword associated with the thumbnail, the operator enters an additional instruction (e.g., "REGISTER KEYWORD") to open a keyword registration dialog box so that key words can be entered and registered in a keyword table. Based on these teachings, one of ordinary skill would reasonably interpret that a keyword is

registered to the thumbnail after the operator enters an instruction indicating that the input keyword is acceptable (see step S24).

In contrast, Applicant's claims 1, 10, and 11 variously recite that an instruction to move a new data file to a folder is received or entered by a user through an input unit. Based on the instruction to move the new data file to a folder, a processor extracts keywords assigned to the existing data file in the folder and assigns the extracted keywords to the new data file. Stated differently, the processor automatically performs an extraction and assignment of the keyword when an instruction to move a new data file to a folder is inputted or received.

The *Takemoto* patent fails to disclose that keywords are extracted or assigned in response to an instruction to move a new data file to a folder. Rather, this reference teaches that keywords are assigned to a thumbnail through the actions of the operator by manually inputting or selecting keywords from a dialogue box, and indicating that these keywords are acceptable. Based on these teachings, Applicant submits that one of ordinary skill in the art would not reasonably conclude that *Takemoto* anticipates Applicant's claims 1, 10, and 11. Among other distinctions, the CPU 13 of the *Takemoto* patent does not function to "assign" extracted keywords to a new file, as recited in claim 1. Rather, it is the user who assigns the keyword to a file. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 10, and 11 and their corresponding depending claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 be withdrawn.
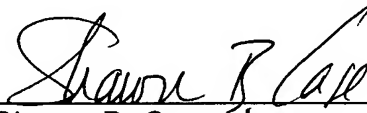
Conclusion

Given the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1-11 are allowable, and this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a favorable examination and consideration of the instant application. In the event issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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